

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 817

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the members and coaches of the Celina K-8 Junior High School Lady Bulldog basketball team for winning the James C. Haile Class A State Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those athletes and athletic teams who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such team is the Celina K-8 Junior High School Lady Bulldog basketball team, whose members and coaches proved themselves worthy of praise and admiration by virtue of their victory at the James C. Haile Class A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, traveling to Murfreesboro for the state tournament, the Lady Bulldogs crushed Smyrna's Thurman Francis School 51-13 in the first round, vanquished Middle Tennessee Christian School 49-19 in the quarterfinals, and defeated the team from York Institute 33-25 to advance to the state championship game; and

WHEREAS, taking on Pickett County in the final game, the Lady Bulldogs of Celina showcased their tenacious defense and tremendous offensive skills to claim a 35-30 victory and capture the James C. Haile state title; and

WHEREAS, the members of this formidable team at Celina K-8 Junior High School include Baleigh Watson, Kenady May, Paige Matthews, Zoe Hayes, Abby Head, Briley Burchett, Eliza Jenkins, Abby Eads, Lauren Weaver, Tori Headrick, Claire Grace, Cherokee Upton, and Lexi Head; and

WHEREAS, this championship team enjoyed the exemplary guidance and expertise of coaches Phillip Matthews and Ashleigh Sbonek; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lady Bulldogs epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a tournament championship but surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Celina K-8 Junior High School Lady Bulldogs for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the athletes of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the members and coaches of the Celina K-8 Junior High School Lady Bulldog basketball team upon winning the James C. Haile Class A State Championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.